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MEMORANDUM TO: P/D - John Mosher
FROM: P/DH - Saul Gefter
SUBJECT: Afghan Media Staff - Weekly Report

1. At the request of VOA/BRN - Stan Schrager, on August 28 P/DH briefed the Pashto and Dari service supervisors on the current state of play of the Afghan Media Project. During the course of the briefing, P/DH inquired whether Subahuddin Kushkaki was still a stringer for VOA considering that he had received a payment from VOA this spring for services rendered. It was reported that he was not an active stringer or contributor.
2. On August 28, P/DH - Norman Burger attended a debriefing of BPAO - Peshawar, John Dixon, at NEA. Attendees included D/D, P/G, and P. P/DH had met previously on that same day with Mr. Dixon and representatives of State and P/G.
3. Nick Mills, photojournalism trainer under the BU grant, met with P/DH on September 2 to discuss the training curriculum and other related matters. Curriculum materials which he provided have been passed on to VOA/BRN for translation. During the meeting, it was suggested, and Mr. Mills readily accepted, using P/DH acquired photos on Afghanistan subjects for instructional purposes.
4. P/DH has received a copy of a letter from the German Afghanistan Committee to the Hearst Corporation indicating their willingness to support the new Afghan News Service with news and film material.
5. At the request of the Threats Directorate, Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth for media training organizations, P/DH recommended contact with media consultant Oscar Underwood, World Wide Productions of Salt Lake City. The Directorate was specifically seeking assistance in locating a source of training in video production techniques.
6. On September 5, P/DH met with Shafie Rahel, former Editor-in-Chief of the Kabul Times, to evaluate him as a candidate for recommendation to Hearst for work on the Afghan News Service press packet. VOA/BRN - Richard Scott had suggested Mr. Rahel as a suitable candidate in response to a P/DH inquiry prompted by Charles Shutt of the Hearst Corporation.